

and static information, classified in Class 340, subclass 995; Group II (claims 5–21) drawn to an information display with retrieval range setting and icon setting, classified in Class 340, subclass 995; Group III (claims 22–28) drawn to an information display for receiving data from servers on a network, classified in Class 395, subclass 200.5, has been made FINAL. Applicants believe that the Restriction Requirement was improper, and hereby reserve the rights to petition against such Restriction Requirement in due course.

Claims 1–4 of elected Group I were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Furuya, U.S. Patent No. 5,257,023. While Applicants believe that the rejection is incorrect, claims 1–4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for purposes of expedition.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As indicated above, claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to render the rejection moot.

Claims 49–52 have been newly added to distinguish over the prior art of record, including Furuya, U.S. Patent No. 5,257,023. These claims are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record, including Furuya, U.S. Patent No. 5,257,023 for reasons provided hereinbelow.

Independent claims 49 and 50 each defines a navigation display system comprising a communication equipment for transmitting said retrieval condition to an information offering equipment and for receiving a shape information of the icon retrieved according to said retrieval condition so as to display the shape information at a position on said map corresponding to the position information. Therefore, as

the icons are provided from the information offering equipment are displayed so as to overlap to the map on the map display, the most new and suitable icons can be displayed on the map despite of increasing or variation of the information provided from the information offering equipment. Moreover, there is no need to store the shape information of the icon in the navigation display system, the navigation display system, which should be compact, can eliminate the storage device for storing shape information.

Secondly, each of independent claims 49 and 50 also defines a navigation display system comprising **an icon retrieving device** for retrieving shape information of said icon according to said retrieval condition from the map storage device provided in the navigation display system. When said icon retrieving device cannot retrieve said shape information from said map storage device, the icon retrieving device demands the communication equipment to make the information offering equipment retrieve said information including said shape information of said icon according to said retrieval condition.

The shape information stored in the storage device of the navigation display system is limited, and only the shape information, which is not stored in the storage device of the navigation display system, is retrieved in the information offering equipment and is transmitted to the navigation display system. Therefore, the navigation display system can be compact and the response speed of the navigation display system can be accelerated.

Usually information volume of the shape information is large. If the shape information of many icons is retrieved in the information offering equipment side, a large volume of shape information of many icons is transmitted to the navigation display system. As a result, extensive time is required for transmission, and the response speed of the navigation display system is slow.

In contrast to the usual practice, as the least shape information is retrieved in the information offering equipment side so as to transmit to the navigation display system according to the present invention, the response speed of the navigation display system becomes faster and thereby keeping the navigation display system compact.

These limitations as defined by Applicants' claims 49-52 are not disclosed or described anywhere in the prior art of record, including Furuya '023. For example, Furuya '023 fails to disclose the use of "a communication equipment for transmitting said retrieval condition to an information offering equipment and for receiving a shape information of the icon retrieved according to said retrieval condition so as to display the shape information at a position on said map corresponding to the position information" as expressly defined in independent claim 49, and "an icon retrieving device for retrieving shape information of said icon according to said retrieval condition from the map storage device [provided in the navigation display system] and for demanding said communication equipment ... so as to make said information offering equipment retrieve said information including said shape information of said icon according to said retrieval condition" as expressly defined in independent claim 50.

In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, claims 49-52 are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at the Washington DC area office at (703) 312-6600.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (503.35636X00).

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